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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/777,849	CHACKALAMANNIL ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 24 February 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. The Notice of Appeal was filed on 24 February 2006. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because

- (a) They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- (c) They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See memo. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).

5. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

6. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

7. For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) will not be entered, or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 2-12,22,23,27-30,34,35,39 and 41-44.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).

9. The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).

10. The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.

12. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

13. Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed 2/24/06 under 37 CFR 1.116 in reply to the final rejection has been considered but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance and will not be entered because: The amendment presents additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims (see PTO-303, Box 3(d)). Specifically, applicants have cancelled 3 claims, and added new 7 claims, including 5 independent claims.

In addition, the replacement of “ester” with -COOR⁵⁰ is new matter for the same reason that the thioalkyl replacement was deemed new matter previously. How does one know that the intended substituent looked like that? It could just as well have been the other way around e.g. -OCOR⁵⁰. Or it could have been -OCONR⁵⁰R⁵¹, which is also an ester type moiety, just to name one other choice.

The traverse on the “thioalkyl” issue is unpersuasive. Applicants argue that it is clear that this “refers to an alkyl group that is substituted with a thio group.” The problem is that there is no such thing as a thio group. Thus, at the first point, one must decide whether this is an alkyl substituted by some sulfur group, or whether the error has simply been to write the substituent backwards, i.e. that the true group is alkylthio. There is no guidance in the specification directing one to reject the latter in favor of the former, as both are plausible. And even if one decided that it is the former, what is the substituent? Is the S single bonded (HS-) or double bonded (S=)?
Applicants have given no reason at all for selecting the former rather than the latter. The examiner must point out the name of the latter, “thioxo”, is much closer than the name for the former, “mercapto”.

The traverse on the issue of the R11 and R12 substituents is unpersuasive. The argument simply doesn’t match the actual claim language. A substituent is by definition something which replaces a H atom, and thus it cannot solve any problem with missing valences. The claim has no

requirement that it even be on the problematic carbons. It could replace a R9=H hydrogen, or even the R6=H hydrogen. Further, given that the ring is supposed to be saturated (see page 4, line 7), if either m or n were greater than 1, applicants will still be short, because there are only two substituents given. For example, if m=n=2, then there will be 4 moieties needed, but the structure provides for only two. Thus, the very fact that variable choices of greater than 1 are given for m and n mitigates against this explanation, since it will not work in those cases.

The Obviousness-type Double Patenting rejection will be retained until it is actually approved. Not all Certificate of Correction requests are approved, especially ones which go beyond typographic errors.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark L. Berch whose telephone number is 571-272-0663. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:15 - 3:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on (571)272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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